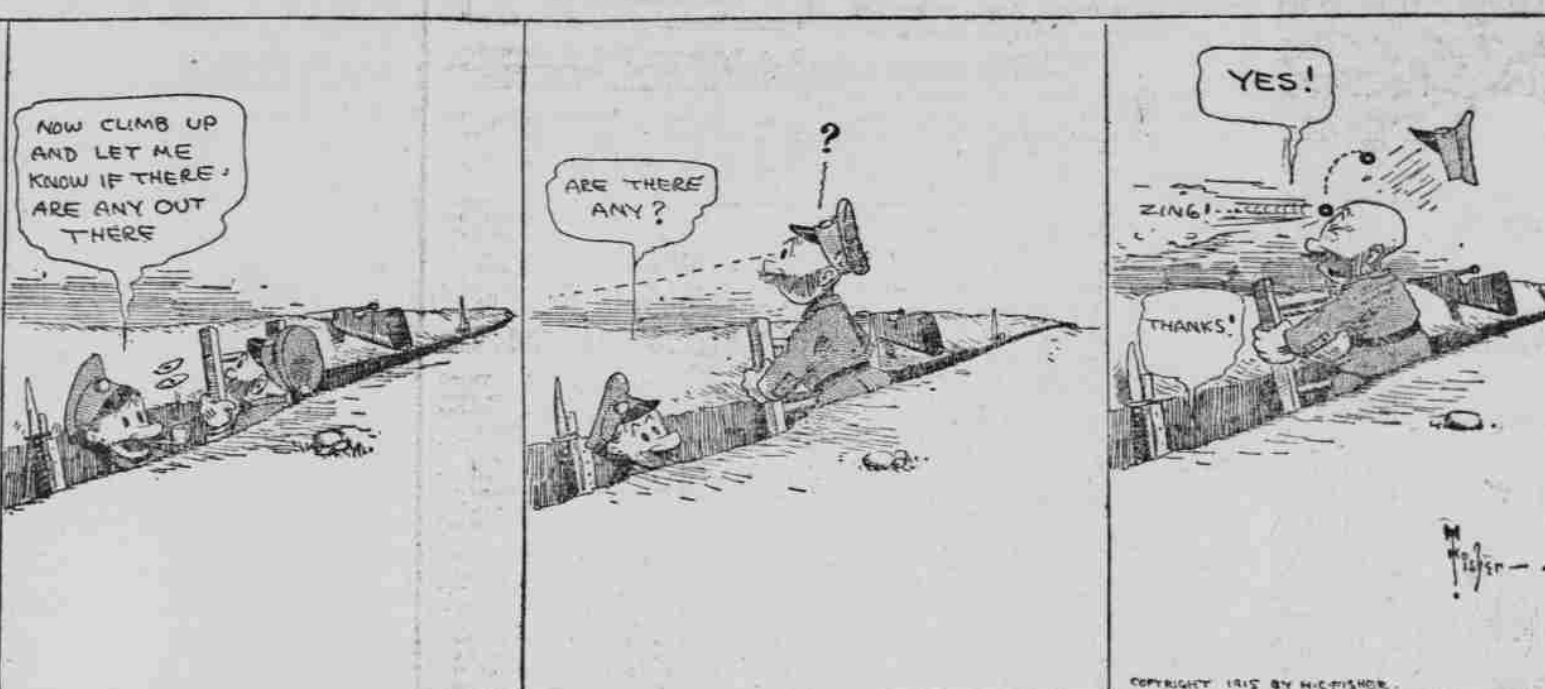
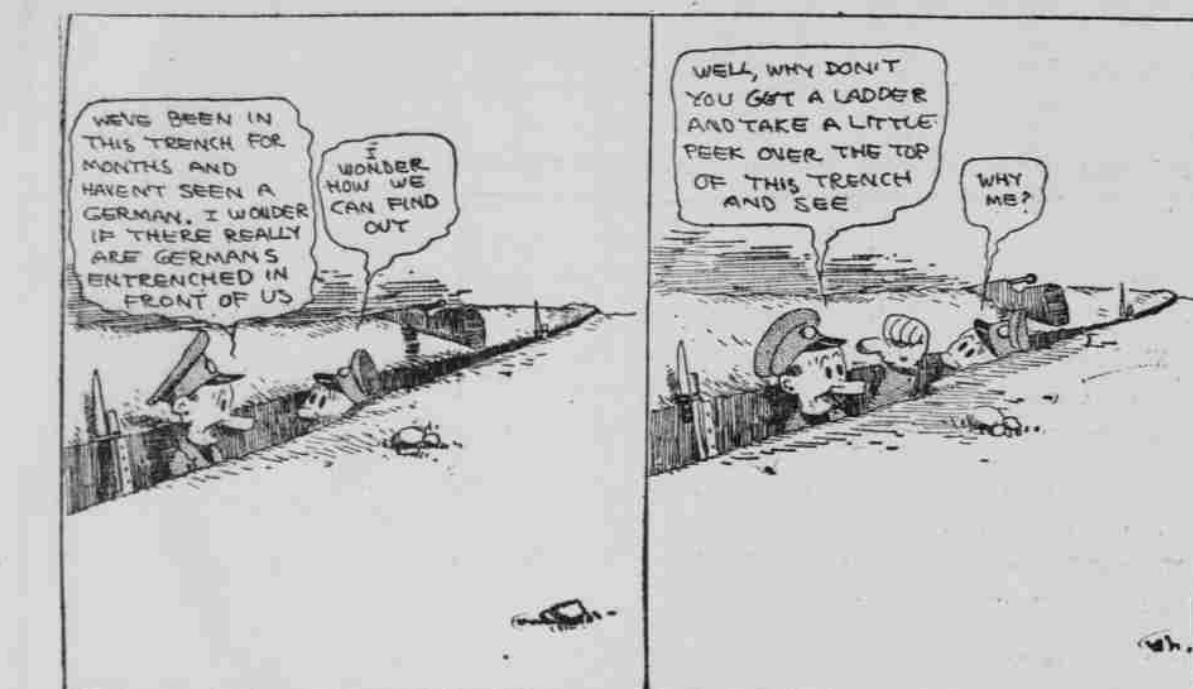


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Up to the Minute
SPORTING NEWS
From Everywhere.
BY "CLUG"

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Kansas Champion Is Itching
for Ring Battles.He Says He Expects to Knock
Out Fred Fulton.

By Jess Willard.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 25.—I want to get back in the ring. I am sick and tired of theoretical work. I am willing to meet all logical contenders and will take them all on, one right after the other. I am willing to fight any man selected 10 days after my bout with Fred Fulton in New Orleans. Johnston seems to be anxious to match me with the winner of the Coffey-Moran fight for St. Patrick's day. Well, that listens good to me. Just let him accept my terms, which, by the way, are not exorbitant, and I'll place my John Hancock to articles right away.

I bar no man who figures to have a chance of winning the title from me. Coffey, Moran, Weisner, Savan, Smith, Dillon, anybody else can have a crack at the crown if they can get me a fair price for my services.

I am going to fight only two more years. During that time I will meet all comers and then retire.

I expect Fred Fulton to give me quite an argument, but I am confident of winning by a knockout. I figure that it may take me ten or twelve rounds to "get" him, for they tell me he is a pretty shifty fellow, who has improved a lot during the past few months.

I have given up Los Angeles as my home and from now on will locate in Chicago.

Fulton May Lose Match.
New Orleans, La., Dec. 25.—Local fight promoters who had arranged for a twenty round bout for the world's heavyweight championship on March 4, between Jess Willard, the titleholder, and Fred Fulton of Rochester, Minn., announced Friday night that Frank Moran of Pittsburgh probably would be substituted for Fulton as Jess Willard's opponent in the fight scheduled for March 4, at New Orleans.

A telegram was sent to Tom Jones, Willard's manager, advising him to have Jack Curley of New York sign Moran for the fight.

Fulton Says "Dream."
Chicago, Dec. 25.—Mike Collins, manager of Fred Fulton, said "probably a dream," when given the New Orleans story that Frank Moran had been substituted for Fulton as Jess Willard's opponent in the fight scheduled for March 4, at New Orleans.

"We have signed air tight articles and posted guarantees," said Collins. "Willard put up \$2,500, and Fulton the same amount and the money is in the hands of Tom Andrews of Milwaukee. I don't believe there is the faintest basis for the story."

Jones Speaks Up.
New York, Dec. 25.—Before leaving for Chicago, Tom Jones, manager of Jess Willard, heavyweight champion, issued a statement in which he said he expected soon to arrange a match for Willard with either Frank Moran or Jim Coffey. He made no reference to the possible substitution of Moran for Fred Fulton in the fight arranged at New Orleans.

A BIG TURKEY SHOOT
Topeka Gun Club Will Stage Big Event of Holidays Tuesday Afternoon.

The Topeka Gun club will hold a big turkey shoot at its grounds, Highland Park next Tuesday at 1 o'clock and members of the club are planning to make it the biggest sports event in Topeka during the Christmas holidays.

The shoot will not be exclusively for members of the club, but a number of outsiders will be invited, including gun men from Manhattan, Lawrence and other Kansas towns. A large supply of birds is being arranged for and members state that those who attend and do not take home with them a plump, fat fowl will have only their poor marksmanship to blame.

A. R. Springer, one of the most enthusiastic and active members of the club, is one of the members who is working hard to make the real "live bird" shoot one of the biggest successes of the year for the club.

Paid Big Price for Browns.
St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 25.—"We paid much more than \$400,000 for the St. Louis Browns," said Phil Ball, here Friday night when asked for verification of a published report that \$400,000 had been the purchase price. He declined, to make the exact figures.

Sport Wheezes

—BY CLUG—

A merry Xmas to all. Stale stuff, eh?

And if Santa Claus did not bring you what you wanted, think of the boys in the trenches, and of the Fed players whose contracts have expired.

Last Xmas Topeka sports enjoyed a wrestling match that wasn't. This year they were given their first taste of automatic baseball than isn't.

After having announced that he would accept the business management of the Kansas City Blues, Jack Holland now states that he will stay with the Western League ship.

Frankie Whitney, who recently knocked out Ad Wolgast in five rounds at Atlanta, has been matched to box Leach Cross in New York Jan. 4. Whitney has the distinction of having been the first man to make Wolgast take the count.

And, speaking of fighters and Ad, it is recalled that the former champion, after having accumulated considerably more than \$100,000, stated that the only reason he kept on fighting was because he did not want to live all his life in Cadillac, Mich., his home town.

But Jess Willard, who was born in a respectable place like Emmett, decides that Chicago is the town in which he should raise Little Jess and leave his wife while he is out fighting Fulton. These fighters certainly have novel ideas about "home."

Denny Sullivan, new manager of the Drummers, announces that he has signed a new first sacker by the name of Claude Jourdan who hails from the North Carolina League. Sullivan picked up his new find in New Orleans.

If there is such a thing as equity in baseball, then it seems that the minor leagues that lost players to the Federals should at least be compensated for them before the Federal League clubs are allowed to turn them over to other major league clubs.

Plans for a state high school basketball tournament to be held in Lawrence March 17 and 18 have been announced. It is expected that much interest will be manifested since each of the eight districts in Kansas usually produces a team of championship caliber.

But it is noted that the big league magnates have as little consideration for the minors as they ever had. Evidence of this is given in the announcement stating that the clubs that ab-

United States National Lawn Tennis association.
United States Golf association.
Amateur Fencers League of America.
Intercollegiate Rowing association.
International Skating Union of America.
United States Revolver association.
National Association of Amateur Billiard Players.
Play Ground and Recreation Association of America.
Boy Scouts of America.
National Collegiate Athletic association.
Athletic Research society.
United States Football association.
Intercollegiate Basketball league.
Amateur Athletic Union of the United States.

Basketball League Formed.
Iola, Kan., Dec. 25.—A basketball league has been formed by high school teams in eastern Kansas which is composed of Iola, Humboldt, Hartford, Buffalo, Garnett, Burlington and Yates Center. Future games have been played and the schedule has been arranged for a series of games, between the teams representing these schools.

"Aren't you ever depressed by some vague sense of oppression, the dim shadow of some coming disaster? Yes, I feel that way every summer before my wife comes back from the shore."—Life.

BRICKLEY WILL STAY WITH JOHNS HOPKINS
Cambridge, Mass., Dec. 25.—Charles E. Brickley, spoken of as a possible successor to Percy D. Houghton as head coach of the Harvard football team, Friday signed a contract to continue at the helm of Johns Hopkins football team for one more season. In the season just finished Johns Hopkins under Brickley's coaching scored in every contest played and won the championship of its district.

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